

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
2019-2021 POST-CONVENTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MINUTES

Beau Rivage Resort, Biloxi Mississippi

Friday, May 3, 2019

Call to Order	President Gay Austin called the meeting of the 2019-2021 NGC Board of Directors to order at 8:16 a.m. on May 3, 2019 at the Beau Rivage Resort, Biloxi, Mississippi Donna Donnelly, Recording Secretary, was present.
Welcome	The President extended a special welcome to new board members.
Blessing	Robin Pokorski, Pacific Region Director, Scholarship Committee Member, gave the blessing. The Board recessed for breakfast and reconvened at 8:28 a.m.
Introductions	The President introduced the 2019-2021 Officers and Region Directors.
Introduction of Convention Committee	The President thanked Convention Chairman Rhonda Rosetti, Co-Chairmen Debby Cooper and Carol Bullard, Registration Chairman Amye Kelly, The Garden Clubs of Mississippi President Lynda Dickerson and the entire convention committee for their hard work in hosting the 2019 NGC Convention.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America	The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of American was led by Andrea Little, Historian.
Quorum	The Chair declared a quorum present.
Agenda	The agenda was adopted as distributed.
Committee to Approve Minutes	The President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the 2019 Post-Convention Meeting: Brenda Moore, Second Vice-President, as Chairman Donna Rouch, Third Vice-President Bonnie Borne, Corresponding Secretary
Timekeepers	The President appointed Sara Hemphill, National Garden Week Chairman and Jennie Guido, Social Media Committee Member to serve as timekeepers.
Recognition of former NGC Presidents	The President welcomed former NGC Presidents: Kitty Larkin (2005-2007), Shirley Nicolai (2011-2013), Sandra Robinson (2015-2017) and Immediate Past President Nancy Hargroves (2017-2019)
Chairmen and Committees Designated in Bylaws	The President announced the following chairmanships and committee members as designated in NGC Bylaws by virtue of office for information only. Mary Warshauer, First Vice-President as Liaison to the State Garden Club Presidents and Region Directors Brenda Moore, Second Vice-President as Finance Committee Chairman with members Mary Warshauer, First Vice-President; Lynette Jeffres, Treasurer; and Nancy Hargroves, Director of the Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees Donna Rouch, Third Vice-President as Organization Study Committee Chairman

Lynette Jeffres, Treasurer, Budget Committee Chairman with members Brenda Moore, Finance Committee Chairman and Nancy Hargroves, Director of the Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees

Brenda Moore, Second Vice-President (Finance Committee Chairman), Internal Audit Committee Chairman with members Gay Austin, President; Mary Warshauer, First Vice-President; and Donna Rouch, Third Vice-President

Scholarship Committee composed of the eight Region Directors as members (appointed Chairman, Lisa Robinson).

Ratification of Vice-Presidents as Chairman of Committees with Committee Members

The President reported the Vice-Presidents appointed to serve as Chairmen of Committees with appointed members as follows:

Donna Rouch, Third Vice-President, as Award of Excellence Chairman with members Andrea Little and Bonnie Borne

Finance Committee members: Judy Binns, Becky Hassebroek, David Healy, Cecelia Millea, Julie West and Pat Westgard

Organization Study Committee members: Marion Books, Wanda Davis, Carol Keefe, Janice Miller, Betsy Steele, Emily Stephens.

RATIFIED

Ratification of 2019-2021 Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Members of Committees

A list of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and members of Standing Committees appointed by the President for the 2019-2021 administration and approved by the Executive Committee was distributed, with the addition of Inger Jones, Gardening Schools Marketing Liaison and Linda Howle, Communications Non-Print Social Media Committee Member.

RATIFIED

Appointed Officers

For information only, the following appointments by the President for the 2019-2021 administration were approved by the Executive Committee.

Corresponding Secretary – Bonnie Borne

Historian – Andrea Little

Parliamentarian – Joan Corbisiero, PRP

Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees Director – Nancy Hargroves

Appointed Trustees

The appointment of Jeanne-Marie Parkes and Nancy Hargroves as Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees for six-year terms were approved by the Executive Committee.

RATIFIED

Executive Director Editor, *TNG*

For information only, the following appointments by the President for the 2019-2021 administration were approved by the Executive Committee:

Michelle Smith, Executive Director

Pat Binder, Editor of *The National Gardener*.

Treasurer as Fiscal Agent

Lynette Jeffres was designated as the fiscal agent for National Garden Clubs, Inc. for the 2019-2021 administration without objection.

Legal Counsel

The appointment of the firm of Husch Blackwell LLP to serve as Legal Counsel for the 2019-2021 administration was approved by the Executive Committee.

RATIFIED

Auditors

The appointment of the Certified Public Accounting Firm of Mueller Prost PC to serve as auditor for the 2019-2021 administration was approved by the Executive Committee.

RATIFIED

Public Relations Firm	The appointment of Binder PR & Marketing Communication to serve as the public relations firm representing NGC for the 2019-2021 administration was approved by the Executive Committee.	RATIFIED
Presentation of State Garden Club Presidents	Bonnie Borne, Corresponding Secretary, announced the names of the 2019-2021 State Garden Club Presidents already elected. Each State President in attendance was presented with a certificate by the President. (List filed)	
Program/Budget 2019 Fall Board Meeting	The tentative program and proposed budget for the 2019 Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri were presented. The proposed budget was reviewed by the 2017-2019 Finance Committee as well as the 2019-2021 Executive Committee.	ADOPTED
Future Fall Board Meetings	Fall Board Meetings Vice-Coordinator Deanna McFarlan reported. The invitation to attend the 2019 Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri was issued by Mary Davidson-Officer, Chairman.	
Recommendations for Ratification	The Executive Committee approved the following recommendations from the 2017-2019 Board of Directors: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That NGC be a sponsor of the 2019 National Children & Youth Garden Symposium hosted by the American Horticultural Society in Madison, Wisconsin, on July 10-13, 2019 at the benefactor level for \$1,500, using funds to come from the Wildflower Fund. 	RATIFIED
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That NGC sponsor a tour through the Rocky Mountains up into Canada on the Rocky Mountaineer train ride on August 18-25, 2019 at a cost of \$5,200 per person. 	RATIFIED
Recommendations for Adoption	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants for the 2019-2021 administration be funded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual donations • Corporate donations • NGC Endowment Fund Allocation – 100% of NGC’s percentage of revenue from the meeting surpluses received • Any unrestricted donation received by NGC • Donations to NGC per attendee on NGC tours • Transfer from any inactive NGC Restricted Funds • At the end of each fiscal year, transfer the remaining funds (revenue over expenses) from the General Fund to PLANT AMERICA • Brent & Becky’s ‘Plant America’ daffodil sales 	ADOPTED
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That NGC sponsor a twelve-day tour to New Zealand in November 2020, at a cost not to exceed \$5,500 per person based on two sharing a room. Price will not include airfare from the United States or optional trip insurance. 	ADOPTED
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. That the Independent Contractor Agreement between NGC and Binder PR and Marketing Communication be renewed. (Compensation for service of completion of each issue of <i>TNG</i> will be \$7,500.) 	ADOPTED
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. That the appointment of a Special Committee, the Website Development Committee, be 	

approved with Phyllis White as Chairman and Poss Tarpley, Jane Waugh, Gerianne Holzman, and the three Vice-Presidents: Mary Warshauer, Brenda Moore, and Donna Rouch as members. Executive Director Michelle Smith will serve as Advisor.

ADOPTED

5. That all NGC School listings be published in *Keeping In Touch*.

ADOPTED

6. That the following recommendations from the Flower Show School Committee be adopted:
a) Handbook, page 116, prior to Section V (Becoming an Accredited Judge)

Additions:

Note: Judging Credit: for Accredited, Accredited Life and Accredited Master Judges is defined as judging six (6) classes in an NGC Flower Show.

A. A Small Standard, Standard Flower Show

1. Required to include at least one class of Horticulture and one class of Design.
2. The other four classes may be in any of the five divisions.
 - a. Exception: Photography is not eligible for judging credit.
 - b. Includes classes of Artistic Crafts and Exploration in Botanical Arts Division.

B. Specialty Flower Shows

1. One class of either Horticulture or Design, according to the type of Specialty Flower Show.
2. Other five classes in any of the other optional divisions:
Education, Youth, or Botanical Arts with the exception of Photography.

This change will take effect July 1, 2019.

ADOPTED

- b) Handbook, page 117, V, B.2

A. Change wording on page 117, B.2. To now read:

Obtain three (3) additional exhibiting credits in any of the four (4) Divisions:

Horticulture, Design, Education and Botanical Arts, with the exception of Photography.

This change will take effect July 1, 2019.

ADOPTED

- c) Handbook, page 119, VI, TABLE at bottom of the page (Accredited Life Judge to Accredited Master Judge Requirements)

Statement 2. Reword:

Earn at least two (2) exhibiting credits, including at least one (1) ribbon in either Design, Botanical Arts Design, including Artist Crafts Section, and one (1) in either Horticulture or in Botanical Arts Horticulture in a Small Standard, Standard or Specialty Flower Show, for **each** year or part of a year, between refreshers. An alternate exhibiting credit may be earned for a judged/critiqued Horticulture or Design exhibit for a practice or a written point-scoring exam in an NGC Flower Show School or Symposium.

This change will take effect July 1, 2019.

ADOPTED

- d) Handbook page 120, TABLE at top of page (Maintaining Accredited Master Judge Certification)

Statement 1. Reword:

Must earn one (1) ribbon in either Horticulture or Botanical Arts Horticulture and one (1) ribbon in either Design or Botanical Arts Design, including Artistic Crafts Section, in Small Standard, Standard or Specialty Flower Show for each Symposium attended for credit. An alternate exhibiting credit may be earned for a judged/critiqued Horticulture or Design exhibit for a practice or written point-scoring exam in an NGC Flower Show School or Symposium.

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ADOPTED

